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SENATOR RUSSELL LONG INTERVIEWED

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NEWSCASTER: "The Central Intelligence Agency and its financial aid to the National Student Association remains in the news. The agency has received praise from a House Subcommittee investigating its financial ties, and some scorn from a student magazine editor for allegedly trying to keep its purse string affiliation a secret.

"Senator Russell Long added his voice in favor of the CIA tactics, saying there is nothing wrong with such cooperation."

LONG: "Some people get very upset over the fact that we would try to influence the activities on campuses and the activities in student groups. That hasn't restrained the Communists for a moment, and if they want to exercise to -- pardon me, to move in that area, it seems to me that we have a right to move in that area, too.

"Maybe it should be a private foundation doing it rather than the government itself, but somebody ought to try to offset what the Communists have been trying to do among student movements, and if it's the CIA, that's better than having nobody do anything about it."

NEWSCASTER: "Senator Long."